

Violence Breeds Violence In Incredible Terms

Lee Harvey Oswald, accused of the most atrocious crime of this century, is dead, himself a victim of a murderer's bullet fired in hateful rage. Oswald's crime last Friday in Dallas was more regrettable only because his target and victim was the President of the United States. Both violated every creed of civilization.

The murder committed by Jack Ruby is as inexcusable, incredible and insidious as the assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Ruby's motives, perhaps, can be faintly understood, but never justified.

Oswald was charged with the murder of the President. We believe the evidence was sufficient to convict him. Despite the utter revulsion of his crime, Oswald was entitled to a fair trial. This is our system. He should have had an impartial trial and a complete review of his case by the highest courts, something he could not get in the Soviet Union or Cuba, countries he loved more than America.

Both Oswald and Ruby killed to appease hate. This is another strange angle in the bizarre Dallas event which has left three dead. The President was not a man of hate. He knew hate, it had been heaped upon him. He never evidenced or exercised it in return.

Now Jack Ruby and not Lee Oswald faces a charge of murder. A generous amount of sympathy and probably some support, is certain to generate for Ruby. The basic condition remains that no man, regardless of how righteous he believes his cause or crusade, can take the life of another, not even a person as wretched as Lee Oswald. Oswald should have died, but not until our judicial system ruled he was guilty.